

Boat Registration Rules

Both federal and state law require that any pleasure vessel propelled wholly or in part by mechanical means must be registered with the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles. This includes:

- **NY followed by four numbers and two letters**
- **Letters must be block letters and at least 3 inches tall and a contrasting color to the hull.**
- **Clearly visible from at least 100ft during daylight hours.**
- **A space or hyphen the width of a letter must separate the first and last two letters from the four middle numbers.**

Official registration documents consist of:

- **Two validation stickers displaying the month and year of expiration.**
- **These must be affixed to the hull no further than three inches aft of the registration number.**

Federal regulations require all vessel manufacturers to permanently affix a Hull Identification Number (HIN) to every vessel produced. This 12-character ID is required for vehicle registration and must match the number on the registration certificate.

To register a boat you will need:

- **A completed MV-82B form**
- **Proof of ownership (see below)**
- **Proof of sales tax payment or a completed sales tax form**
- **Bill of sale from original owner or dealer**
- **Statement of origin (for a new boat)**

Proof of ownership includes:

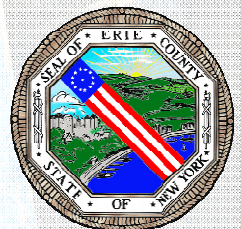
- **Manufacturers statement or certificate of origin**
- **NYS or out of state title**
- **NYS or out-of-state transferable registration**
- **Marine document**

Registration fees:

Less than 16ft: \$26.25

16ft-26ft: \$57.50

26ft or longer: \$93.75



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